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The reply filed on May 30, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant elected Group I, Species A, Sub-species d and indicated that claims 1, 3-9, 12-13, 15, 19, 22-25, 48 and 52 are readable thereon. However, none of the listed claims reads on the elected species. All of the listed claims include an axially slit passage in the catheter body. Group I, Species A is limited to the embodiment of figures 1-5, 12 and 13 as indicated in the election/restriction requirement. This embodiment does not include an axially slit passage in the catheter body. Although figure 5A, for example, shows an axially slit passage 24, this species was not elected. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

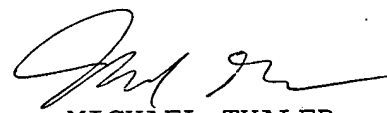
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